Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 225 Laneda Ave
Manzanita, Tillamook County

historic name: Pine Grove Community House
current/other names: Pine Grove Community Club

assoc addresses: location descr: block/lot/tax lot: twnshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:

PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: building height (stories): 1.0 total elig resources: 1 total inelig resources: 0

elig evaluation: eligible/significant NR Status: Individually Listed

prim constr date: 1928 second date: 1980 date indiv listed: 07/03/2017

primary orig use: Clubhouse orig use comments:

second orig use: SOCIAL: General

primary style: Late 19th/20th Period Revivals: Other prim style comments:
secondary style: Bungalow (Type) sec style comments:
primary siding: Shingle siding comments:
secondary siding:

plan type: architect:
builder: Percy Sheldon

comments/notes:

GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

Not associated with any surveys or groupings.

SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY

NR date listed: 07/03/2017

ILS survey date:

RLS survey date:

Project(s): None Project(s):

Federal Tax Project(s): None

ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)

Built in 1933, the Pine Grove Community House (Pine Grove) is located at 225 Laneda Avenue in the City of Manzanita, Tillamook County, Oregon. Situated on the main thoroughfare through the small, compact commercial core of Manzanita, the structure is a single story with a hand-dug basement and a rectangular floor plan measuring approximately 48' by 32', with an addition on the northwest corner measuring approximately 20' by 26.5' (floor plan, Figure 1). The structure sits on a lot of approximately 0.12 acres measuring 50' by 100'. Clad in coursed wood shingles, Pine Grove has a somewhat eclectic appearance which reflects the fact that it was a community-built project. As a result, the Pine Grove Community House does not exactly conform to a specific architectural style. However, the building's overall form, with its low-pitched, asphalt composite hip roof, most closely aligns with the bungalow form. The design details, including the wood double casement windows, prominent, tapered stone and brick chimney, and narrow eaves, also align the Pine Grove Community House with the Period Revival styles that occurred in the 1920s and 1930s in many communities nationwide.

HISTORY

(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)

The Pine Grove Community House is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for the building's association with the founding of the City of Manzanita and its local government, establishment of community social events, and the gradual evolution of the town to a full-fledged community and center for coastal recreation. Pine Grove represents the first tangible civic project of the first residents of Manzanita who, with no early municipal government, formed their own community group to address the needs and management of their small town. In the absence of more formal, city-run facilities, the Pine Grove Community House served as Manzanita's first City Hall and library. Pine Grove not only functioned as Manzanita's early central government, but hosted meetings resulting in the formation of the first fire and police departments. The Pine Grove Community House has grown with the City of Manzanita and served many functions that are now carried on in different facilities, but it was at the Pine Grove that all of these activities began and flourished sufficiently to create the need for expansion beyond the building in which they began. Among the founders was Ben S. Lane, who would later serve the City of Manzanita as its first mayor and serving the City in that capacity for thirteen years. Lane's wife, Johanna Lane, brought a love for reading and community service that made the Lanes a formidable couple. The Pine Grove Community House tells part of the Story of coastal recreation towns and the settlement of the Oregon Coast, including the transition from mere vacation destination to a formal community and eventual municipality. The Pine Grove Community House is significant at the local level.

RESEARCH INFORMATION

Title Records Census Records Property Tax Records Local Histories
Sanborn Maps Biographical Sources SHPO Files Interviews
Obituaries Newspapers State Archives Historic Photographs
City Directories Building Permits State Library

Local Library: University Library:
Historical Society: Nehalem Valley Historical Society Other Respository:

Bibliography:

All historic materials referenced in this document are available at the Nehalem Valley Historic Society in Manzanita. Beach, Mark Beach and Nan Nelson. Pine Grove Community House: Building a Stronger Community for 75 Years (Pamphlet). Manzanita, OR: Pine Grove Community House, Inc., 2008. Clark, Rosalind L. Architecture, Oregon Style. Albany, OR: City of Albany, 1983. McAlester, Virginia Savage. A Field Guide to American Houses. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2013. Minute Books of the Pine Grove Community Club, 1928 – 1936, 1936 – 1945 (archives). Minute Book of the Stitch and Chatter Club, 1937 – 1939 (archives). Nehalem Valley Historical Society, nehalemvalleyhistory.org. Pine Grove Community House, www.thepinegrove.org.

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